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Montrose Chemical Corporation of California

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United States Environmental
Protection Agency
Region 2
ER and HMI Branch
Woodbridge Avenue
Edison, New Jersey 08837

Attention: John W. Witkowski
On-Scene Coordinator

Dear Sir:

This office received a copy of the attached Notice to Responsible Party dated October 19, 1983 which was directed to "Montrose Chemical" regarding a release and/or threatened release of dioxin at certain locations in Newark, New Jersey.

This letter is to advise you that Montrose Chemical Corporation of California is a Delaware corporation whose manufacturing operations have been confined exclusively to the States of California and Nevada. Although Montrose Chemical Corporation of California has its corporate headquarters at the referenced address in Union, New Jersey, it does not now nor has it at any time in the past owned or operated any facility in the State of New Jersey. In addition, it does not now nor has it ever in the past generated, transported or disposed of the materials described in your Notice. Accordingly, we respectfully deny responsibility in the referenced matters on the grounds that Montrose Chemical Corporation of California is not a responsible party as defined under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA).

Montrose Chemical Division of Chris-Craft Industries (formerly Montrose Chemical Company) did operate a chemical plant on property located at 100 Lister Avenue in Newark, New Jersey from the late 1930's until mid-1972. However, Montrose

Chemical Division never produced, generated, transported, treated, stored or disposed of the materials referenced in your notice, either at its Newark plant or elsewhere. All of the assets and property of the Montrose Chemical Division, Newark operation were sold to Sobin Chemical Company in mid-1972 and the Division was dissolved at that time.

Very truly yours,

MONTROSE CHEMICAL CORPORATION
OF CALIFORNIA

Samuel Rotrosen
Samuel Rotrosen
President

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cc: Mr. James J. Rochlis
Chris-Craft Industries, Inc.